Unemployment Rate Below Previous Peaks

(Civilian unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted)

10.8

7.8%

6.2%

12%

10%

8%

6%

4%

2%

1980 1982 1984 1986 1988 1990 1992 1994 1996 1998 2000 2002
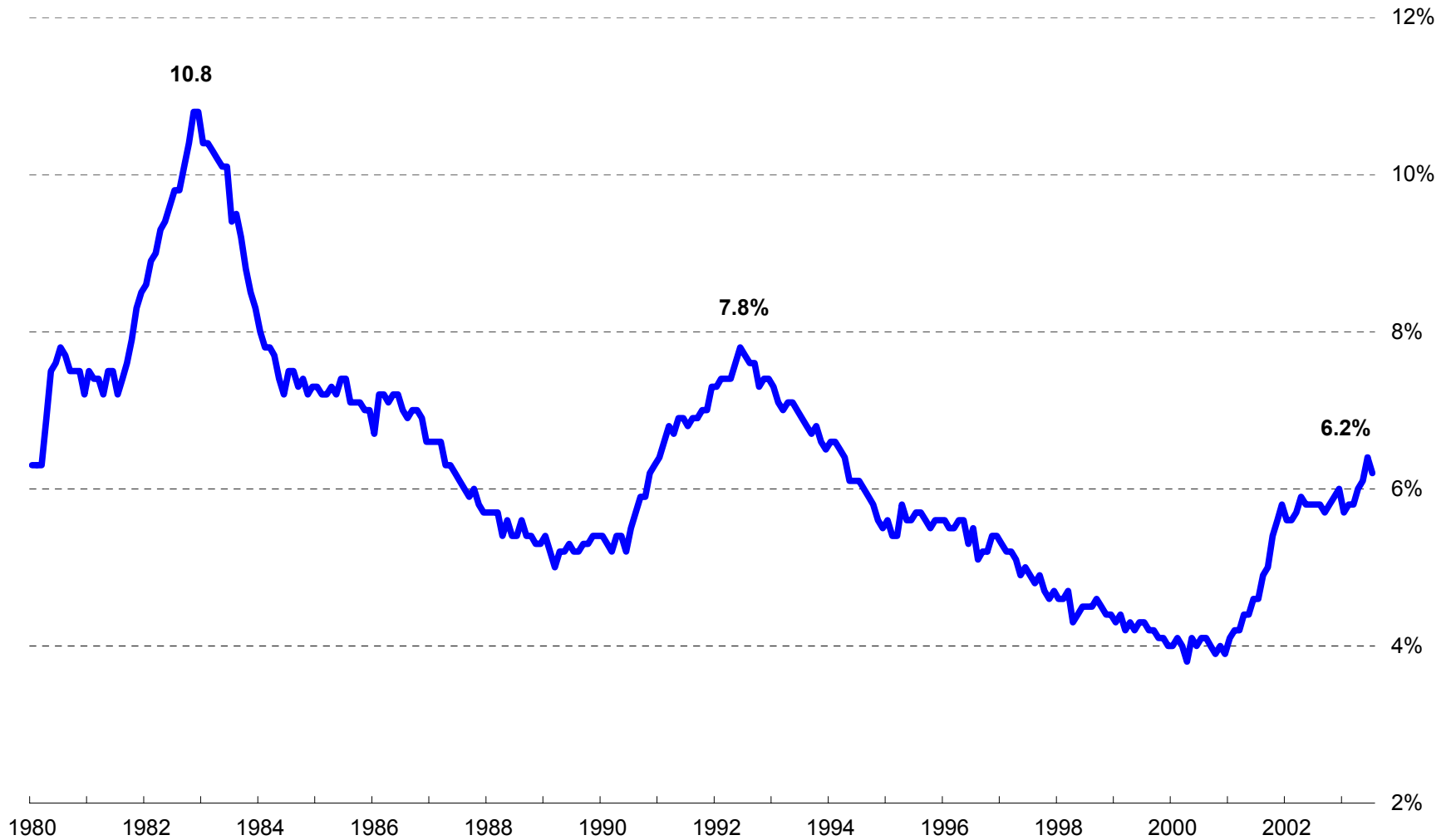
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics